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For: SEMICONDUCTOR LASER DEVICE
AND OPTICAL PICKUP APPARATUS

Examiner: M. Battaglia

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicant submits for consideration in the above-identified application the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the documents are also submitted herewith. The Examiner is requested to make these documents of record.

The documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in an Office Action mailed on June 1, 2004 directed to a counterpart international or foreign application. A certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1) follows:

I hereby certify that each item of information was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

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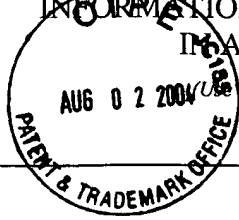
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	1.	06/27/1990	JP 02-166630	Japan			Abstract
	2.	07/12/1990	JP 02-179936	Japan			Abstract
	3.	08/06/1999	JP 11-213441	Japan			Abstract
	4.	08/10/1999	JP 11-219529	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENTS

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	5.	International Office Action mailed June 8, 2004, for Japanese Patent Application Number 2000-359446 filed November 27, 2000, five pages.

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